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Experience the Power of Art by America's Veterans *Public Viewing – March 17, 2010*

An estimated 200 pieces of artwork by local Veterans will be on public display in Building 502 (Dom Dome) at the Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center on March 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Part of the National Creative Arts Competition, categories in the competition include fine art such as painting, drawing, sculpture and photography; applied art including ceramics, woodcarving, needlework and leatherwork; and craft kits such as string art, poster art and fabric art.

First place winning pieces will advance to the national level and compete with entries submitted by Veterans from other VA facilities. An annual event, the competition provides Veterans receiving treatment at VA facilities the opportunity to participate in creative self-expression and to gain recognition for their artistic accomplishments.

First place winners from the national competition will be invited to attend the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, hosted this year by the Tomah VA Medical Center in La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 18-25, with the art exhibit and stage show performance on Oct. 24.

The medical center is located at 510 Butler Avenue in Martinsburg, W.Va.

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MEDIA NOTE: The award ceremony will be held at noon. Please call Public Affairs if you plan to cover.

The Martinsburg VA Medical Center mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. Located in West Virginia, the Medical Center offers a comprehensive range of services, including internal medicine, ambulatory surgery, audiology and speech pathology, dental, nursing home, nutrition, podiatry, prosthetics, women's health, mental health, and rehabilitation medicine. With a service area of nearly 130,000 veterans in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, the Medical Center operates three VA-staffed Outpatient Clinics in Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., and Stephens City, Va., and three contract clinics in Franklin and Petersburg, W.Va. and Harrisonburg, Va. Construction for a new clinic in Fort Detrick, Md. has started with an opening tentatively scheduled in Fall 2010.